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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR PATENT

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EX.: S. J. Jackson

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RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF JANUARY 21, 2004, INCLUDING AN ATTACHED COVER SHEET WITH CERTIFICATE OF TELEFAX TRANSMISSION

Dear Sir:

This Response should receive expedited handling, because it is being filed within **TWO MONTHS** after the mailing date of the Final Office Action.

Please amend the above identified application as follows.

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